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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: GVN - SIERRA LEONE RELATIONS

REF: A. SAIGON 9836; B. FREETOWN 1409; C. SAIGON 9984

1. UNLESS OVERRIDING OBJECTION PERCEIVED, DEPARTMENT REQUESTS YOU RAISE GOSL RECOGNITION OF GVN WITH MINISTER EXTERNAL AFFAIRS FOLLOWING HIS RETURN.

2. DESCRIPTION OF GVN'S PAST UNSUCCESSFUL APPROACHES TO GOSL IN LONDON AND MONROVIA IN REF C SUGGESTS NEED TO CLARIFY APPROPRIATE CHANNEL GVN SHOULD TAKE IN RENEWED APPROACH TO GOSL, AND WHETHER CURRENT GVN INSTRUCTION TO ITS AMBASSADOR IN MONROVIA LIKELY TO MEET FAVORABLE RECEPTION.

3. IF GOSL EXPRESSES DESIRE TO RECOGNIZE BOTH GVN AND PRG IN ORDER TO AVOID APPEARING TO FAVOR ONE SIDE OVER THE OTHER, IT MIGHT BE USEFUL TO NOTE THAT THE PARIS AGREEMENT HAS RECEIVED INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION AS MECHANISM FOR
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POLITICAL SETTLEMENT IN SOUTH VIET-NAM. GVN IS PRESENTLY

RECOGNIZED GOVERNMENT THERE -- E.G., IN UN BODIES AND OTHER
INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. GRANTING DIPLOMATIC RECOGNI-
TION TO SELF-STYLED PRG BEFORE BILATERAL TALKS IN PARIS ARE
CONCLUDED WOULD AMOUNT TO INTRUSION INTO OR PREJUDGMENT OF
MATTERS NOW CLEARLY RESERVED TO THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE. KISSINGER

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